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VIA ECF

The Honorable Steven C. Mannion
Martin Luther King Fed Bldg. & U.S. Courthouse
50 Walnut Street, P.O. Box 999
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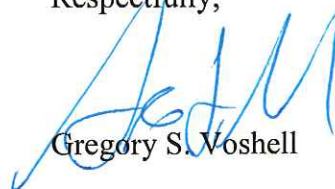
RE: *Progressive Spine & Orthopedics, LLC v. AMF Bowling Centers Inc. et al.*
U.S.D.C. District of New Jersey (No. 17-9981)

Dear Judge Mannion:

We represent the Defendants in the above-captioned matter, but in this instance write on behalf of all parties. We are currently scheduled to appear before Your Honor on Friday, February 23, 2018 for a Rule 16 Conference. The parties have agreed upon, and submitted, a proposed scheduling order for the Court's consideration. Given this agreement, counsel conferred, and respectfully request that, if the Court is amenable, the Rule 16 conference be conducted telephonically. The parties, of course, are prepared to and will appear in person if the Court prefers.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully,



Gregory S. Voshell

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cc: All counsel of record (via ECF)